

**POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING  
THIRD PARTY PAYMENT CAPABILITY**

**Abstract of the Invention**

A payment processing system includes a data center, a postage metering system and a control system in operative communication with the data center and the postage metering system. The postage metering system is located remotely from the data center. The control system obtains payment data via the postage metering system where the payment data includes a payee and a payment amount. Further, the control system dispatches payment from the data center to the payee for the payment amount.

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